

Remarks/Arguments

The voluntary amendment is for the purpose of clarifying the scope of the invention and for correcting obvious errors.

As concerns the replacement sheets of drawings, these contain reference numeral changes which conform the drawings to changes in numerals now set forth in amended paragraph **[0020]** of the specification.

As concerns the specification, paragraph **[0002]** has been amended to make it clear that movement of the tongue of prior art machines, no matter how accomplished, when the access door is open will cause damage to an open access door if the open door is in the path of tongue movement.

Paragraph **[0007]** has been amended to emphasize that it is the contact between the door engaging structure and the open door which is important in effecting closure of the door in response to swinging the tongue, not the fact that the door is initially supported by the door engaging structure, since obviously the door could be supported in its open position by other structure. Further, the amendment corrects an obvious error made in line 4 by changing "tongue" to --door--.

Paragraph **[0017]** has been modified in such a way as to make it clear that the location of the tongue mounting on the beam is not important, since obviously, absent applicant's invention, movement of the tongue from any position toward an open access door may cause damage to the door and accordingly can make use of the invention. Also, a sentence has been added to this paragraph to emphasize that the manner in which swinging of the tongue is effected is not important. What is important is the solution applicant has provided for preventing an open access door from being damaged by a swinging tongue.

Paragraph **[0018]** has been amended to correct an error made in describing the connection of the platform 30 to the carrier frame 12 as being a four-bar linkage when in fact only a three-bar linkage is illustrated. With reference to FIGS. 1 and 2 it can be seen that only one upper link 40 is used in connecting the platform to the carrier frame.

Paragraph **[0019]** has been amended to correct an erroneously applied reference numeral, namely "19" was used in line 3 when --20-- should have been used (see FIGS. 1 and 2 wherein numeral 20 designates a hydraulic cylinder).

Paragraph **[0020]** has been rewritten to more accurately describe the top wall

of the platform 30 which includes the access door 50. The original paragraph indicated that the top wall portion 52 (now 48) was also an access door which is not correct. Some of the reference numerals have been changed and corresponding changes have been made to the drawings, as indicated on the replacement sheets containing FIGS. 1 and 2.

Paragraph **[0022]** has been amended to make it clear that the particular shape of the door engaging member or plate is not important as long as it is effective in deflecting the open access door into its closed working position in response to tongue movement toward the open door.

Paragraph **[0023]** has been amended to correct an obvious errors in the second line on page 6 by changing "a" to --as--, and in the next to the last line of the paragraph by changing reference numeral "78" to --72--.

As concerns the claims, claim 1 has been amended so as to remove unnecessary limitations from the preamble of the "Jepson-type" claim.

Claim 2 has been amended so as to remove the limitation that the door engaging member be a support for the open access door.

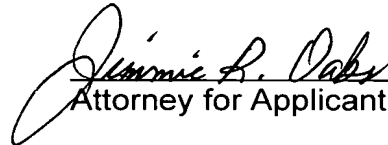
Claim 3 has been amended so as to remove the limitation that the door engaging member be "triangular".

Claim 6 has been amended to add the structure removed from claim 1 so that the remainder of the claim makes sense.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in now in condition for being examined on its merits.


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In the Drawings:

Please replace the two sheets of original drawings containing FIGS. 1 and 2 with the enclosed amended drawing sheets.